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## ARE THEY LOST?

Seven Hundred Lives in Danger.

The Danish Steamer Danmark is Abandoned in Mid-Ocean.

She Carried 650 Passengers and About 100 in Her Crew.

The City of Chester Sights Her, but Finds the Ship

Deserted, Her Boats All Gone and in Sinking Condition-The Question is, Has Her Human Freight Been Saved?

New York, April 12 .- The following dispatch from London was received at the Maritime Exchange this morning:

"The steamer Danmark, from Christiana, was seen April 8, abandoned in mid-

The Danmark belongs to the Thingvalla Line of steamers plying between this port and Copenhagen. She was formerly the Jan Breydel, of the White Cross Line. She is said to have had 650 passengers on board, mostly Scandinavians. Funch, Edye & Co., the agents of the company here, say that they place no reliance in the dispatch but have cabled to agents in London and Copenhagen for further information.

Report of the Wreck at Queenstown. QUEENSTOWN, April 12.-The Imman Line steamer City of Chester, Capt. Bond, from New York April 2 for Liverpool, arrived here today. She reports that on April 8, in latitude 46 north, longitude 37° west, she passed the Danish steamer Danmark, from Christiana, Copenhagen, etc., for New York. The Danmark had been abandoned by her crew. Her stern was level with the sea, and her bow stood high out of the water. She was apparently sinking. The Danmark was a vessel of Line. She was commanded by Capt. Kundson. The Danmark was formerly the Belgian steamer Jan Breydel. She was a bark rigged vessel, and was 340 feet long, 40 feet in breadth and 26 feet deep. She was built at New Castle, England, in

Greatest Excitement in New York.

New York, April 12 .- The greatest excitement prevails in shipping circles over the loss of the Danmark. The Thingvalla Line is probably the largest immigrant line that plies between this port and Europe. The Danmark had on board when she left Christiana for New York, on the 26th of March, 650 passengers, presumably all immigrants, the captain, R. M. Knudsen, and the crew, numbering forty men. The office of the agents of the steamer, Funch, Edye & Co., No. 2 South Williams street, has been thronged with people all the morning anxiously inquiring for later news of the vessel. Mr. Edye, of the firm, oes not credit the report. He has cabled is Loudon agents and sought by wire for further particulars from the Copenhagen oranch of the firm.

The news spread rapidly down town

and among the first callers at the office of Funch, Edye & Co. was Morris Stover, a young farmer from somewhere in Massa chusetts, who got here last night to await the arrival of the steamer, upon which his brother and sweetheart Marie Muller had taken passage. His grief was uncontrol lable when Mr. Edye said that no contra dictory dispatch had been received a noon. The Danmark was formerly the freight steamer Jane Breydel, of the White Cross Line. Last fall Messrs. Funch, Edye & Co., who are also the agents of the latter line, had the vessel put dition for passenger traffic, rechristened her Danmark and transferred her to the Thingvalla fleet. This was the vessel's first trip from the other side under her new colors. The reported disaster vividly recalls the collision of the steamship Thingvalia, of the same line, last summer,

by which many lives were lost. THE AGENT INTERVIEWED. The New York agent of the Thingvalla Line this afternoon said: We have here a cable dispatch to the effect that the Denmark left Christiana on March 26, on her first voyage under her new flag and name. She had been completely overhauled, and it was thought by all that she was the best of our fleet. There were on beard of her at the time of her departure at least 710 people. Of these 650 were passengers. To manage and to look after the comfort of this large number of passengers there must have been at least sixty in the crew, probably the number may have sed 100, or perhaps 125. There are commanded by Capt, Knudsen, an old presence of mind, and he is not the man to abandon a ship to the mercies of the waves when there is one chance in even ther particulars of the abandonment, if such were to be had, and also for the name of the ship that says she sighted the Danmark in such a condition. The sec-ond of the two cables was to the home office in Copenhagen, also asking for particulars and for advice and for the names of those 650 people who sailed on the Danmark. The position in which the Danmark is said to have been sighted abandoned is one which she might have reached at the time, April 8. She had at that time been out from Christiana thirteen days. I do not think it at all improbable that some fearful calamity might have befallen her, but please allow us to state to the numbers of friends of the Danmark's passengers that we do not believe she Las been abandoned. No incoming steamship to this port reports any life boats or raits that might have belonged to the Danmark. Even if the Danmark has been shandoned, she had nessurers on board, if not all the crew. There were a great number of life-boats, enough for the great passenger list-and several new life rafts of the latest pattern

some of the passengers if there were not enough room in the life-boats for them. SEEN BY THE CHESTER.

Further particulars of the sighting of the abandoned steamship Danmark by Imman Line City of Chester have been slowly arriving since noon. The Danuark was rapidly sinking when the Chester saw her. The Chester had sighted her from a distance and had been struck by the apparent absence of any life on board. She had drawn near and investigated, and afterward made out that no one was on board of the abandoned wrock. The Chester lay to and about for several hours. The stern of the Danmark was on a level with the sea. Her bow was far out of the water in the air. There were no visible signs of a collision. No wreckage was floating about. The boats were all gone from their davits and nothing in licating baste and panic was noticeable. After laying to near the wreck for some time the City of Chester proceeded.

No list of the passengers on board the ill-fortuned steamship is to be had in this city. Several people have called at the offices of the agents asking for intermation of friends supposed to be on the Danmark, but all refused to give their names. Funch, Edye & Co, expect a passenger list by the Nord Deutcher Lloyd steamer Aller, due at this port tomorrow.

The Eider arrived this morning and reached her dock after 1 o'clock this after-The Eider did not see anything of the Danmark, and her officers were greatly surprised when told the particulars. No answers to the cables sent by Messrs. Funch, Edye & Co. to London and Copenhagen had been received at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The excitement is still very incase, and the agents are losing hope. The steamship Iceland, of the Thingvalla Line, which left Copenhagen four days

tonight, will probably bring some intelli-gence of the disaster. Some Hope Expressed.

later than the Danmark and is due here

Naw Youk. April 12, 1889, To the General Manager of the New York Associated Press, No. 196 Broadway, New York:

Dear Sir-As some of the comments on the reported loss of the Danish steamer Danmark express the appreheusion that this disaster may have been accompanied by heavy loss of life, we beg to state, for the benefit of all persons who have friends on board the ill-fated boat, our belief to the contrary. When sighted by the City 2,260 tons, and belonged to the Thingvalla of Chester on Monday last, in latitude 45.55 north, longitude 47.16 west, the decks aft and the sails were in pieces, but the vessel was floating, and although the reporting steamer expressed the belief that she would shortly founder this did not occur during all the time that elapsed from the hour she was first sighted until lost The Danmark was floating directly in the track of the trans-Atlantic teamers and we believe beyond peradventure the passengers and crew were taken off some time, possibly as far back as a couple of days before the City of Chester sighted the wreck, since the Dannark having left Christiana on the 26th of March must, under ordinary circumstances, have advanced considerably beyond the position If the wrecked passengers and crew had not been picked up, they would naturally, even if embarked in boats and on rafts, have remained in the neighbor-hood of the wreck. The presence of which would, much more likely, attract the passing steamers than small boats or rafts would. The City of Chester evidently did not find the siightest wreckage near the vessel, such as might be attributable to smashed or otherwise incapacitated boats, whilst the steamer bore no sign whatever of human life. We confilently believe, therefore, that, with the possible exception of single casualties, such as may occur during the transfer of so many people from one vessel to another, the passengers and crew of the Danmark are sale, and will ere long be heard of as on board of one of the Atlantic steamers.

Very respectfully, Fescu, Enve & Co., General Agents Thingvaila Steamship Line.

#### TORN AND DAMAGED. A British Steamer That Felt the Late

Nonvolk, Va., April 12.—The British steamer Wylo arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday. She was greatly damaged in the late storm. The Captain noted a protest with the British Vice-Consul here. The Wylo was bound from Philadelphia to Havana with a cargo of coal and passed out of the breakwater at 11:30 o'clock on the 6th inst, with a moderate breeze from east-northeast. At 8:30 o'clock p.m. the wind, which had been gradually increasing, blow a gale, continuing with terrific force during the night. 'The vessel's head was brough to the wind and the engines were slowed down. Early Sunday morning, the 7th inst., the wheel chains parted and the vessel fell off into the trough of the sea, taking water fore and aft and rolling fearfully. The scrow steertherefore to be accounted for the lives of one. The vessel was then brought to the from 710 to 775 people. The Danmark is wind as before. She continued in this commanded by Capt. Knudsen, an old way for a few hours, when she shipped seaman, well known for his coursge and her stern and took a heavy sea which

ing apparatus aft was as soon as possible put on, the heavy seas that broke on board, making this task a very difficult washed away one of the men at the wheel and broke the wheel into two pieces. The man and the wreck of the wheel were sent I,000 of getting her into port. And we do not believe that he has abandoned her. She may have been disabled, but we are very nearly certain that she has not been abandoned. We have taken steps to discover if there is truth in the story. At 10:30 o'clock this morning we sent off two cables. One was to the Lloyds in London, asking for further restlenters of the abandonment if could be put on, the remaining part of the wheel was broken off, and the rudder threshed across from side to side with heavy blows, breaking off both of the rudder's guards on the stern post and break-ing the screw steering gear to pieces. While securing the litter, three able-bodied seamen were struck down by the sea and so injured as to be of no further service. Throughout the day the wind continued to increase until 5:30 o'clock p.m., when h blew with the force of a hurricane.

5:45 o'clock a heavy sea struck the port life-boat and demolished it. During Sunday night the wind continued to blow with unabated violence and the yessel was almost smothered by heavy was, which made a clean breach over her, sweeping off everything movable from the decks Monday's experience was much the same as that of Sunday. The wind did not lull until 4 o'clock Tuesday morning when the vessel steered for Chesapeake Bay, arriving at Hampton Roads yester-

day morning. Newrost, R. I., April 12.—During a ley said on various occasions that Elrod thick fog this morning the steamer Conan-had robbed Macauley, and also had robbed commounted the crew and officers and leut, running to Jamestown, ran ashore on his present employers.

the rocks in the outer harbor, making a hole in her hull. The passengers were landed in the tug Fairy. A wrecking schooner has gone to her assistance.

THE HIGH GROUND.

Confederates Who Would Not Receive Assistance From the North.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 12.-Frank Cheatham Bivouse Confederate Veterans at a meeting tonight passed the following resolution: That the members of Frank Cheatham Bivousc have seen with great regret and mortification that certain organizations, purporting to represent Confederate soldiers in the South, have sent committees to the North to beg aid for the support of indigent Confederate soldiers, While we fully appreciate any proper ex-pressions of sympathy from the Northern people for our needy Confederate soldiers, we emphasize the declaration that we repudiate any effort directly or indirectly to beg aid for them in the North.

A State Convention of Bivourcs will be held on April 25 to take action in regard to the Confederate Home. The Confederate soldiers' monument,

now being placed in Confederate Circle at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, will be unveiled about May 20. Hon, W. C. P. Breckin-ridge, of Kentucky, will be the orator of

A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY OF 12,000. Returns From Seventy-two Arkansas Countles in the Judicial Election. ceial Dispatch to The Appeal.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. April 12.-The State election returns from nine more counties were received today, leaving only three more to report, viz. Desha, Newton and Searcy, which gave slight Republican majorities at the September election. Of the seventy-two counties the vote stands: Hughes, 50,947; Hemingway, 51,674; Hughes, 50,947; Hemin Sandels, 52,173, Democrats. Gregg, 38,989; Hill, 38,498; Mitchell,

38,498 Republicans.

Average Democratic majority, 12,006.

Sandels's majority over Gregg, 13,184.

Mistook Him for a Wild Turkey.

ecial Dispatch to The Appeal

HELENA, Ark., April 12.-Yesterday morning Mr. Gurley, ex-Sheriff of St. Francis County, and one of the west prominent citizens of Forrest City, met with a very serious accident, which will cause him the loss of an arm and probably his life. He was out turkey hunting this morning, and, while in the brush, concealed partly by the grass and trees, he made a cry similar to that of a wild turkey, for the purpose of attracting the game e hunter, whose name cannot be ascertained, seeing Gurley moving among the trees and grass, mistook him for a turkey and shot him in the shoulder with a Winchester rifle. His arm will have to be amputated.

A Mad Dog Creates a Paule.

FRANKLIN, Pa., April 12.-Thursday afternoon a mad dog created a terrible excitement in Cranberry Township, and before it could be killed bit four men and a number of animals. Just as the scholars at one of the schools were enjoying their recess the dog made its appearance, followed by a number of men. A panic ensued and the scholars became frantic and took refuge in the schoolhouse and The dog ran into the hallnear-by trees. way of the schoolhouse, where it was finally shot and killed. During the excitement several children and a number fainted.

Important Bills Signed. cial Dispatch to The Appent.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 12.-Today the Governor signed two important legislative bills, one of them to allow railroad companies to extend their lines and to build branch lines, and the other amending the act of 1881, providing for paying the public debt of the State of Arkansas. The fish and game bill is still on his desk, and it is probable that the Governor will veto this measure, which prohibits the exportation of fish and game by railroads from this State for the next six years.

The Reward Increased to \$3,000,

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 12,-The standing reward of \$1,000 offered by the Republican State Central Committee for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the Plummerville ballot box thieves and the assassin of Col. J. M. Ciayton was today increased to \$3,000, The federal Grand Jury investigating the election troubles in Conway County, has not reported any indictments this far, although the jury was impannelled last

A Fire at Argenta, Ark.

pecial Disputch to The Appeal LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 12 .- A fire in the Argenta Oil and Cotton Compress Mill tonight partially destroyed seventy-two cotton bales at an estimated damage of \$1,000. The fire was caused by lightning striking the telephone wires running into the building. The damaged cotton be-longed to Miller & Co., A. P. Powell and Smith & Co., Little Rock buyers. N. N. Tillman, superintendent of the com-press, was knocked senseless by the elec-

The Wife of H. Clay Evans Injured. CHATTANOOGA, Tenu., April 12,-The wife of Congressman H. Clay Evans met with a serious accident yesterday and came near losing her life. She was driving on Carter street and her buggy was run into by a runaway beer wagon. She was thrown violently to the ground and suffered serious concussions about her face and head. She is not thought to be seriously injured.

Another Mushroom Town

ectal Disputch to the Appeal BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12 .- A number of prominent New Englanders have invested at Valley Head, Ala., \$300,000, and have gone to work to build up another new town. The location is beautiful and higher than any other town in the State, being 1,008 feet above the level of the sea. The company proposes to build furnaces, rolling mills, etc. Tellford, Pea-body and Co., the Boston bankers, are the heads of the syndicate.

John T. Macautey Sued.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 12.-Eugene Eldrod, former Treasurer of Macauley's Theater, today sued John T. Macauley, the proprietor, for \$20,000 for defamation of character. Elrod charges that Macau-

### LYING IN WAIT.

Thousands of Anxious Home-Seekers

Encamped Along the Borders of the Promised Land.

Some Show a Great Deal of Daring and Courage.

Colonies Propose to Invade the Territory Before April 22.

They Will Disregard the United States Troops and Kun the Gauntlet Whether or No-The Pale-Face Despised.

Wichita, Kas., April 12.-Maj. Barker arrived here last night from Oklahoma, and reports that the soldiers are not equal to the task of keeping the boomers out. They slip into the country and conceal themselves so effectually in the woods that the scouts cannot find them. Every station on the Santa Fe road is guarded, and only those having permits are allowed to get off the trains. The Santa Fe has nearly completed the depot at Guthrie, and workmen are engaged on the land office building at Purcell. The border is black with boomers awaiting the opening of the country. Many of them are in very destitute circumstances. The Santa Fe road people say that arrangements have been made to transport all who apply, and the Rock Island is preparing to run a line of stages from its southern terminus into the territory. Two immense transportation of Hill's colony. They expect to float down the Arkansas, as the recent rains have swollen the river, and they can land within seven miles of the Oklahoma border. Others have arranged Okhnoma border. Others have arranged for relays of fast horses, which are expected to transport them to the claims already chosen. Every south-bound train arriving here is crowded, and the wagon caravans are passing in an endless

Asking Special Privileges.

CALDWELL, Kas., April 12.-The City Council has directed Mayor Riley to write Gen. Merritt, commander of Fort Leavenworth, requesting him to permit Oklahoma boomers who are camped hereabout to move across the Cherokee Strip to the northern line of Oklahoma Territory before the 22d of April. All they want, the Mayor says, is an equal chance with the crowd that will go in from the South and West by the railroads. It will take the boomers here fully three days to cross the strip, which is sixty uilles wide, while those who are massed along the southern and western lines can settle on the best claims within a few hours' after the Presiclaims within a few hours after the Fresi-dent's proclamation goes at a fact. The Mayor also claims that the are a great many cowboys in the Teratory on cattle ranches who will be at the north line promptly at 12 o'clock on the 22d, and being mounted on fleet horses, will be able to secure the best locations. Besides, there is a class of boomers that has practiwithin a few days. Their plan is to leave Caldwell in the night, slip past the troopers who are guarding the Bluff Creek bridges, and then make for the Umber in the strip by the shortest routes. They are as well mounted as the United States

cavalry, and they do not fear capture. Capt. Woodson, of the Fourth United States Cavalry, whose troops are guarding the territory from invasion at this place, is said to favor the Mayor's plan. Thus far, however, he has rigidly enforced his orders from headquarters, and, as a result, there is not a boomer wagon within a mile and a half of the line. A few men have attempted to evade the patrol, but in every instance they were overhauled and brought back. If Gen. Merritt declines to grant Mayor Riley's request, there is liable to be a good deal of trouble between some of the boomers and the troops. About a hundred of the former held a meeting in the bed of a dry creek near the Rock Island Railroad bridge this afternoon, and after a great deal of discussion determined to move for Oklahoma on the night of April 18. They will leave their wagons and stock and families here to follow as soon as the military will let them move.

"We have good horses," said one of the rebels, "and we are not airaid of being caught. All we want is a fair start, and then you can depend upon it that we will be in Oklahoma as soon as the city crowds that are going in on the railroads."

Bound To Be Lots of Trouble.

MILWAUKER, Win., April 12 .- A gentle man residing in this city has received a letter from his brother-in-law, who resides twelve miles from the Oklahoma border. The writer says that the President should have declared the Territory open the day after the issuance of the proclamation, and continues: "There were at that time in the neighborhood of Oklahoma enough waiting and anxious people to occupy its every home. Many of them were the followers of the late Capt. David L. Payne, who labored so long and scalously to secomplish what the President's proclamation does. Many of these men will be cut off and rained now. As it is, there are now in the neighborhood of this Territory, ready to move at a moment's notice, fix settle it, and every wages read converging toward this point from Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, and elsewhere, is greaning under the burden of wagens. Every one is going in the direction of Oklahoma, cross jots when he can And this is morely times the number of people necessary to cross lots when he can. And this is merely the van of the army that is to come, withstanding all reason and warning. The great mass of the waiters have no desire to hang around the frontier a day or two, so they will try to be on band just as the gate swings open. The result, as it may reas-onably be calculated, will be a never end-ing series of petty but bloody battles, in comparison to which county seat rackets and race wars are but sham fights.

"Another element is the Western rustler, who has been through the mill-been raised, as it were, on the county seat fights and recked upon the billows of land contests. He does not care about home-steads, but he will be there. He will be satisfied with a few of the best lots in all of the best towns, and he won't be satisfied unless he has them. He don't want anything that involves trouble, but if trouble comes that is just what he has been looking for and he will welcome it as an old friend. In fact, the man who is

now selling his farm or other property and picturing to himself aquiet, peaceful home in Oklahoma, is the fellow that I am writing these lines for—the man I want to wake up. I would tell him to come with the idea of staying, but with the means of returning. There is bound to be lots of

UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY.

A Hundred Thousand Applications For 19,000 Homesteads.
Washington, April 12.—The Commis-

sioner of the General Land Office has made public the following letter as being of general interest to persons contemplating settlement in Oklahoma:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12, 1880.

O. M. Wilson, Arkansas City, Kas. Sir-Your letter of the 4th inst. addressed to the honorable Attorney-General in reference to the Oklahoma lands, which are to be opened for settlement under the act of March 2, 1889, has been for-

warded to this office for answer. In reply, I have to state that the lands in question are to be disposad of to actual settlers under the homestead laws only. A party desiring to become an actual settler under the homestead laws may initiate his claim by applying to the district land office, after selecting the land desired, in which case he is allowed six months from date of entry within which to establish his actual residence on the land, or, if he so elect, he may initiate his claim by actual settlement on the land, which must consist of some act or acts connecting himself with the particular tract claimed, said act or acts to be equivalent to an announcement of such his intention, and from which the public generally may have notice of his claim. Thereafter he is allowed three months within which to make his claim of record by entry in the district land office. I in close for your further information copies of circulars of January 1, 1889, and April

1, 1889. Respectfully, S. M. STOCKBLAGER, Commissioner. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1889. To the Hon, J. J. Ingalls, United States Senate:

Dear Sir-I have the honor to receive by reference from you and herewith return a letter addressed to you by Mr. G. T. Sommers dated at Oklahoma Station, Indian Territory, the 29th ult. In reply have to state that the act of March 2, 1889, to which Mr. Sommers refers, provides as he states that no one shall be permitted to enter or acquire any right to any of the Oklahoma lands, to be disposed of thereunder, who violates its provisions by entering upon and occupying the same prior to 12 o'clock noon of April 22, 1880, the date fixed in the President's proclamation of March 23, 1889, for the said lands to become open to settlement. The statutes make no exception to this provision. I am inclined to think, however, that whenever a person was already within these lands at the date of the approval of the act by proper authority, his presence there should not be regarded as a violation of this provision of the act. The primary jurisdiction to act upon applications to enter rests with the district land officers, and Mr. Sommers may present his appli-cation for entry to them with proper proof of his allegations. Should they refuse to permit an entry, he may appeal from their action, which would bring his application and proofs before this office for its adjudication of the case. Respectfully, 8. M. STOCKELAGER, Commissioner.

In speaking of the great line of immi-

gration now setting toward Oklahoma, Commissioner Stockslager today said that

from newspaper estimates and from information received through official and per-sonal sources he was of the opinion that fully 100,000 persons would enter Okla-homa within a month after the 22d of April. For these 100,000 persons, said the Commissioner, there are only about 10, 000 nesteads which may be entered under the President's proclamation. Therefore, for each quarter section open to entry, there will be at least five or six applicants. Never before in the history of the country has there been a parallel to it. The in-evitable result of this tremendous influx, the Commissioner thinks, would be a great many contests and probably some personal conflicts. A further result, he feared, would be the spreading of this immense surplus over the adjoining Indian lands from which it would be difficult to recover without much trouble, and possi-bly some bloodshed. If the Commission appointed to treat with the Cherokees for a cession of the Cherokee outlet could complete their labors within the next few months so that the new tract might be open to settlement before Congress again meets, this might, and ably would, relieve the pressure, wise he feared matters would complicated and the equilibrium restored with difficulty. However, the Commis-sioner has no doubt that the precautions now being taken to preserve order in Oklahoms, and to keep the intruders from the adjoining lands, will be simply suffi-cient for the purpose of the newly ap-pointed registrars and receivers of the recently created land offices at Guthrie and Kingfisher Stage Station, with their clerks and two special agents of the de-partment will meet in Arkansas City, Kas., on April 17, and together proceed posts of duty. Every facility will be ex-tended by the local officers to applicants in making their filings, and every effort made to dispatch the business of the office with expedition. In order to save the time of the receiving officers they will be supplied with rotary consecutive numbering stamps, instead of making their indorsements with a pen. The order which an application is received as indi cated by the number stamped upon it, and will determine and settle its priority over applications bearing a higher num-ber. A force of clerks in the General Land Office has been hard at work since the President's proclamation was issued preparing plat books, blank books, blanks and supplies of all kinds for the new offices, and everything is said to be in readiness.

Winfield Boomers Happy. WINFIELD, Kas., April 12.-The hundreds of Oklahoma boomers camped along the Walnut River here are rejoicing at the order of Secretary Noble allowing them to drive across the Cherokee strip before the 22d. Most of them will break camp here Wednesday next to go into camp next on the border of Oklahoma. The final rush has set in and every train brings in scores of men from all parts of the country to await here the Oklahoma opening day. The hotels and boarding-houses are full and the merchants are having a large trade in outfitting boomers. No less than 5,000 strangers are in this city waiting for

NORTH VERNON, Ind., April 12 .- On Wednesday night late, Joseph Maynard went to the house of Henry Roan, called

him to the door and shot him without saying a word. The weapon was a shotgar The shot took effect in Roan's head. H cannot recover. Yesterday, Maynard was captured by the Sheriff. It is said Boan had told that Maynard had been caught attempting to steal money and jewelry from the drawers of his bureau last Sunday night.

#### BIG CUSTOMS FRAUDS. U. S. Officials at Port Townsend In-

dicted for Wholesale Swindling.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.-This morning's Oregonian prints the following special dispatch from Port Townsend, W. T.: The United States Grand Jury has found twenty-five indictments against William Harned, Special Deputy Collector; eleven against Herbert F. Beecher, ex-Treasury His Peroration Rings With a Pathetic Agent, and twelve against Quincy A. Brooks, for stealing from the Government. Records and accounts have been thoroughly overhauled and presented to the Grand Jury for the first time in many years, by Government officials especially sent out from Washington by the Depart ment to make personal investigation of the many charges preferred by the press and the public. Last January Leslie Cullom, Acting Collector, and L. L. Lupton, First Auditor of the Department, commenced the investigation. Treasury Agent Crowley had previously partially examined the customs accounts, and dismissed Harned. The records were examined, going as far back as April. The first thing found was that vessels had been overcharged in entrance and clearance and private receipts issued. The Government ceipts came out of what was called the "blue book," many of the pages being destroyed and white receipts issued instead By this method vessels were swindled out of small sums amounting to a few dollars each, which aggregated many thousand dollars per year. In another part of the was found where a payer was charged in some instances many hundred dollars more than credited, An incident was cited when the British steamer Sardony, charged \$920, only \$320 was paid to the Government. Another vessel paid \$225 and was credited with \$165. Wa Chong, of Seattle, paid \$1,815 and was credited with \$1,641. Two thousand 'blue" or Government receipts were

in various parts of the office.

The largest steal discovered was for duties paid on the cargo of the British bark Madeira, from Liverpool, last June. Duty to the amount of \$6.03° was paid, and the Government received \$5.044. The records however, show that no money was paid during the month. One of the consignees, James Griffiths, claimed to have paid Harned the amount. Harned acknowledged appropriating money, and took a bag containing \$2,000 to make up the deficiency to the Acting Collector, Cullom, to make good his accounts. The Clerk of the District at Seattle holds receipts for \$1,660, and only \$373 is credited to the Government for the entire month. Harned admits getting the money, but could not account for the same. The master of the barkentine Amelia paid a fine of he offices, secreted under the curpets, in flower pois, pigeon holes and other places, Records of the daily receipts during the other records, up to the time of Harned's noble race and dismissal last November, are also gone, mighty empire." mine the deticits. Brooks is short \$15,000. in addition to illegal fees collected, amount ing to another \$15,000. All are specifically charged with extended charged with extortion, removing public records and falsifying accounts. There are 639 opinin stamps missing of Chinese return certificates, which have become missing since the passage of the Chinese restriction set. Harned and Beecher will be arrested tomorrow and placed under \$5,000 bonds. They refuse to make any statements. Brooks is in Washington. Harned is worth \$40,000, and has many warm personal friends on

found in a mutilated condition, concealed

Puget Sound. A Stormy Freight Meeting. Chicago, Ill., April 12.-There was an other stormy discussion at today's meeting of the Western Freight Association, on account of the discovery of a five years contract that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Road had made with P. D. Armour & Co. The contract allows that firm a mileage rate of 1 cent per car per mile on its refrigerator cars, whereas the agreed rate is § of a cent. The meeting adopted a resolution requiring all the roads in the association to submit to the chairman, as soon as possible, copies of all the contracts relative age, and to report which, if any, of such contracts contain terms conditions calculated to affect influence the moving of tra Some of the competitors of of traffic St. Paul express the opinion that if the contract has been in existence since Da cember, 1887, as claimed, the officials must have known it, and they contend that it is a very thin excuse to say that it was over poked when the present mileage rate of I cent was put put into effect. They think the contract was made recently, and dated back. The St. Paul people say they will exhibit the contract tomorrow.

The Chicago Election Case, CHICAGO, Ill., April 12 .- Judge Tuley today decided that by the terms of the decision of the State Supreme Court in the Hyde Park case, the suburb of Cicero also was annexed to the south and west towns of Chicago, but only in so far as the matter of assessments and collections went. Judge Tuley's decision is conceded to indicate that the point of the recent election is technically void was well taken. No serious result, however, seems proba-ble. Lawyer Root, who incidentally raised the city election question, said this even-ing that having attained his object of keeping the Cicero trustees in office he would now let the agitation drop.

The Fruit Crop Damaged.

al Dispatch to The Appeal. HELENA, Ark., April 12.-About o'clock this evening one of the heaviest hail storms ever known in that section visited Forrest City. From reliable sources it is learned that some of the hail stones were as large as guinen eggs. continued for some time with great vio-lence. It is feared that considerable damage to fruit was occasioned by the storm.

Panell Clayton's Case. dal Dispatch to The Appeal.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 12.-Powell Clayton has called a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee for the is thought they will recover, however, 22d inst., but what for that could not be Brown lived at Gate City, and had a learned.

# A NOBLE DEFENSE.

Sir Charles Russell Concludes

His Speech Before the Parnell Commission With Great Vigor.

It is the Greatest Effort of the Famous Orator's Life.

The Justice Sitting On the Case Congratulates Him.

and Dignified Appeal for the Reconciliation of England and Ireland-Boulanger's Trial.

Lennon, April 12 .- Upon the openng of the session of the Parnell comission this morning Sir Charles Russell resumed and concluded his speech in defense of the Parnellites. He undertook to show that the money Mr. Parnell gave Byrne, which the prosecution alleged was given for the purpose of enabling Byrne to escape, was meant by Mr. Parnell to be used for the ordinary purposes of the National League and that Mr. Parnell did not know that Byrne was in peril of arrest,

There was a sensation in the courtroom when Sir Charles concluded his speech. It is the general opinion of his hearers that he never spoke better. When Sir Charles finished Presiding Justice Hannen passed a note to him, in which he said: I congratulate you. Your speech was a great one and worthy of a great occasion."

The Archbishops of Dublin and Cashel will be among the witnesses who will testify for the defense.

The court, Sir Charles said, in concluding his speech, was trying the history of the Irish revolution. He asked that fair and generous consideration be given it. If prosperity was returning to Ireland, thanks be to God, but affairs were unhealthy in that country where the people considered the imprisoned members of the House of Commons heroes and martyrs. Sir Charles declared that he did not speak merely as the advocate of the accused members of the House of Commons, but for the land of his birth, and, he believed, in the best interests of England. The inquiry, which was intended to be a curse, had been a blessing. It had been designed for the purpose of ruining one man, but had proved the means of his vindication.

In his peroration which lasted half an hour, Sir Charles Russell said: "In opening our case, I said that we represented the accused. The positions are now reversed. The accused sit there (pointing with indignant seorn at Mr. Walter and Mr. McDonald of the Times). This in-\$100, of which there is nothing to show on the records. After Harmer was dismissed, but it will remove all misconception of the over \$12,000 was found in various parts of character, action and motives of the Irish people and their leaders. It will set curnest, bonest minds to thinking, and will hasten true union and effect a true relatter part of Beecher's time are also missing from the office. In addition to the

> Gladstone and other friends warmly gratuinted Sir Charles Russell and Mr.

Bon'anger's Trial Bertus. PARIS, April 12 .- When the Senate met

today the President read the decree constituting that body a tribunal for the trial

of Gen. Boulanger, Count Dillon and M. Rochefort. The Procureur-General, Quesnay de Bauerpaire, then read statements setting forth the grounds upon which the prosecution of the accused is based. When the reading was concluded the Senate went into secret session and the public with-drew. The trial of Gen. Boulanger and his associates was then formally begun. The Senators had been requested to ap-

ear in evening dress for This request was ignored by the members of the Right, all of whom were freek coats. The members of the Left were attired in evening dress and wore white cravats.

The following commission has been aplanger and other accused persons: Sena-tors Merlin, Coseol, Cordelet, Tarieux, Munfre, DeMarcore, DoMole, Auvertujon, Morelet and Humbert. Assistant comissioners have also been appointed, will ruplace their colleagues on the regular commission if necessary. The assistant commissioners are: Senators Garrifat, Du-solier, Develle, Dellosier, Dusolier and Destelin. Senator Delbrelt will not attend the trail. He holds that a political body like

the Senats has no right to try a delegate of the people. He declares that the trial is a revolutionary measure and a defiance niversal suffrage. Senator Don Renault will abstain from

participation in the trial.

A motion from the Right declaring that

here was no ground for a judicial inquiry into the conduct of Boulanger was rethen resolved, by a vote of 210 to 55, to proceed with his trial. The doors were pened, and the public resion resumed. Lerdyer read the decree authorizing the Senate to sit as a court, and directing the trial to proceed.

The Negroes' Pilgrimage. ctal Dispatch to The Appeal.

BIRDLINGHAM, Ala., April 12.-W. H. Davidson, of Winston County, Dr. Bird, of Greene, and J H. Cochrane (colored), of Dallas, the committee appointed by the Anti-White Republican Protective Tariff League, have gone to Washington with the resolutions passed by their crowd. They go with full credentials, and with a determination that the negro shall get some of the pic. The new movement of firing the negro out will not tend to increase the strength of the party in this State if it does increase its respectability.

Workmen Buried Alive.

Special Dispatch to The Appen BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12,-About 6 o'clock this morning while digging gravel from a pit at Gate City a bank caved in and buried Sum Brown and two brothers named McAdory alive. Companions dug them out as soon as possible, but Brown was dead when they reached him and the McAdory brothers were scarcely alive. It